

Accommodations

A block of rooms has been set aside at the Ramada Inn for the California Biodiversity Council's members and participants. You **MUST**, however, contact the Ramada Inn to reserve one of these rooms for yourself. The Ramada Inn is generously offering CBC participants a rate of \$84 which meets both federal and state per diem requirements. In order to receive this rate please inform the Inn that you are with the California Biodiversity Council. Please call to reserve a room as soon as possible; we expect a large number of participants and availability is not guaranteed beyond 30 rooms.

Ramada Inn
2000 East Childs Avenue
Merced, California 95340
Reservations **(209) 723-3121**

Directions

To the Ramada Inn:

Take I-99 to Merced and take the Childs Ave exit. Go East (Left turn if you are coming from the North; Right turn if you are coming from the South) on Childs Ave. The Ramada Inn will be on the right.

To De Angelo's Restaurant:

From I-99, take the Martin Luther King Jr. exit and go towards downtown Merced (if you are coming from the Ramada Inn, or the South, this will be a RIGHT turn). Turn LEFT on W. Main St. De Angelo's will be on your left-hand side.

To UC Merced:

From the North: Take I-99 to Merced and take the 16th street exit. Turn LEFT (North) on CA-59. Turn RIGHT (East) on Bellevue Rd. Turn LEFT on Lake Rd. Turn RIGHT on Scholars Lane. Park in the Lake Lot on your right-hand side.

From the South: Take I-99 to Merced and take the 16th street exit. Turn RIGHT on S Arboleda Dr. Turn LEFT on E. Yosemite Ave. Turn RIGHT on Lake Rd. Turn RIGHT on Scholars Lane. Park in the Lake Lot on your right-hand side.



Cooperative Conservation in the Central Valley

Regional Meeting
Merced, California

Wednesday and Thursday,
April 5 and 6, 2006

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Depart from the Ramada Inn, 2000 East Childs Avenue, Merced

12:00pm Depart for Grasslands Field Trip

This exciting field trip of the San Joaquin valley grasslands and wetlands will feature a showcase of successful joint ventures and cooperative projects in this area. We will see the Grasslands State Park, the Los Banos Wildlife Area, US Fish & Wildlife Service lands and possibly some vernal pools.

Note: Box lunches will be provided for those who signed up for them. For a more enjoyable trip, wear comfortable shoes and be prepared for any kind of weather. There will be a short walk at Los Banos Wildlife Area.

5:00 Return to the Ramada Inn

6:00 Dinner Program

De Angelo's Restaurant, 350 West Main Street, Merced, CA

6:00 Cocktails

7:00 Dinner is served



UC Merced Chancellor Carol Tomlinson-Keasey will address Council participants during dinner on the roles for this new campus in addressing population growth and natural resource management in the Central Valley.

Thursday, April 6, 2006

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California Room, UC Merced

8:00am Registration

8:30 – 9:30 Welcome, Introductions, and Council Announcements (Mike Chrisman and Mike Pool)

9:30 – 10:30 An overview of the conservation setting the Sacramento/San Joaquin Valley

- Population growth and development
- Social, economic, and environmental conditions

10:30 – 10:45 Break

10:45 – 11:30 Agency Cooperation - Regional Growth Management

- The California Blueprint Planning Program
- Blueprint Planning in the Sacramento Valley Region

11:30 – 12:30 Lunch

12:30 – 1:45 Agency Cooperation - Resource Conservation

- Central Valley Vision
- Central Valley Salmon & Steelhead Recovery Prgm

1:45 – 2:00 Break

2:00 – 3:00 Opportunities for New Cooperation in Conservation

- Air Quality Management
- California Wildlife Plan Implementation
- Great Places Program
- San Joaquin Valley Partnership

3:00pm Adjourn